REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action of February 5, 2003, Applicant has decided to cancel the rejected claims and amend the objected-to claims 28, 29 and 35 to incorporate the limitations of claim 27 into claim 28 and the limitations of claims 33 and 34 into claim 35. The rejected claims 12-27, 30-34, 37 and 38 have been cancelled without prejudice and will be the subject of a divisional application.

It is requested that the allowed claims 1-11, 29, 39 and 40 now proceed to issue, along with amended claims 28 and 35.

The objections and rejections of the Official Action of November 13, 2002, having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested, and passage of claims 1-11, 28, 29, 35, 39 and 40 is requested.

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